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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing eighteen (18) references, enclosing two (2) references.
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 18 references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of all other references, if listed, are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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